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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1960

C E M A E S R U R A L D I S T R I C T

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr.Chairman, Mrs.Lewis and Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I present my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1960.

The health generally throughout the district has been good. Although there were 71 cases of measles notified the disease was relatively mild and no serious complications or deaths occurred.

Housing

Apart from Newport, the housing position in the district is generally casier. Efforts are being made to build further council houses in Newport, but difficulties have arisen over the problem of obtaining the necessary land. During the year, the Council made the very wise decision to acquire an older property and to modernise it so that a problem family living under very unsatisfactory conditions could be re-housed. Fortunately, we have few such families in the district and with help I am sure that these families can be satisfactorily re-habilitated.

Water Supply

During the year, much work has been carried out to improve the present water supply in the district and plans have been made to increase the amount of water supplied to the area.

Although during the year two new cases of tuberculosis were notified, no deaths occurred and the position compares favourably with that prevailing ten years ago, when six new cases were notified and there were four deaths.

Again I would like to emphasise how important a part the Public Health Inspector plays in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living. Much work has been done to implement the recommendations made under the Food and Hygiene regulations and conditions have improved.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include in this my thanks to my clerk, Miss V.K.Pickard, for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Phyllis M. Bowen

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)1960....
8,790.....

	<u>Cemaes R.D.</u> <u>1960</u>	<u>Cemaes R.D.</u> <u>1959</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Live Births	144	110		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	16.4	12.4	18.8	17.1
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	6.9	7.27	4.2	
Still Births	3	3		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	20.4	26.5	28.9	19.7
Total Live and Still Births	147	113		
Infant Deaths	3	2		
Infant Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 year) (per 1,000 Live Births) - total	20.8	18.2	29.3	21.7
- legitimate	22.4	19.6	28.2	
- illegitimate	nil	nil	54.05	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks) (per 1,000 Live Births)	20.8	18.2	24.21	
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week) (per 1,000 Live Births)	20.8	18.2	22.52	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week and still births combined) (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	40.8	44.2	50.8	
<p>The infant mortality rate shows a slight increase this year but still remains lower than the rate for the County of Pembroke and for England and Wales. There were three deaths of infants under one year of age and all were due to prematurity and died within the first day. (Weights - 2lbs.3ozs; 2lbs.4ozs; not known).</p>				
Maternal Deaths	nil	nil	nil	
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	nil	
Deaths	136	132		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	15.5	14.9	12.5	11.5

The general death rate again shows a slight increase and is higher than the rate for the County of Pembroke and for England and Wales. Heart disease continues to be the cause of the highest number of deaths from any one cause, having accounted for 46 deaths. Approximately 63.9% of the total number of deaths occurred in persons aged 70 years and over, and of these, 47.1% occurred in persons aged 80 years and over.

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	57	79
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	1	4
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia,	-	2
Diabetes	2	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	16
Coronary disease, angina,	13	6
Hypertension with heart disease	5	2
Other heart disease	6	14
Other circulatory disease	2	4
Influenza	-	2
Pneumonia	1	2
Bronchitis	3	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	11
All other accidents	1	3
Suicide	1	-

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Whooping Cough	5
Pneumonia	6
Measles	71
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1
Tuberculosis(Other Organs)	1

TUBERCULOSIS

No deaths occurred from tuberculosis during the year. One new case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified and also one of tuberculosis of other organs, and one new case of respiratory tuberculosis was transferred from another area.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers continues to be carried out in the district. During 1960, 4 contacts and 118 school leavers (i.e. pupils aged thirteen years and over) were vaccinated. The Chest Physician, Dr. Llewelyn Davies, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Local Health Services

<u>Vaccination</u>	Records of 72 primary vaccinations and 12 re-vaccinations were received during the year.
<u>Immunisation</u>	Records of 205 diphtheria immunisations and 252 re-inforcing injections were received, and also 137 immunisations against whooping cough.

Both vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough are carried out at the clinics and schools and by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards.

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

During the year permission was granted by the Ministry of Health for inclusion in the vaccination scheme of everyone over the age of six months. This work has continued at the clinics and in the schools and has meant much additional work for the County Health Department.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.



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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE

YEAR 1960

WATER SUPPLIES

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Number of properties connected</u>
Bayvil	10
Bridell	26
Capel Colman	25
Castellan	39
Cilgerran	211
Cilrhedyn West	--
Clydey	12
Dinas Cross	201
Eglwyswrw	51
Llanfihangel Penbedw	35
Llanfyrnach	218
Llantood	9
Llanychlwydog	5
Llanfair Nantgwyn	22
Manordeifi	75
Meline	16
Monington	--
Moylegrove	38
Nevern	54
Newport	462
Penrith	12
St.Dogmaels	341
Whitechurch	13

WATER SAMPLES sent for Bacteriological Examination:-

<u>Public Supply</u>		<u>Private Supply</u>	
Number taken	15	Number taken	13
Satisfactory	15	Satisfactory	13

MILK SAMPLES

<u>From Schools</u>		<u>From Farms & Retailers</u>	
Number taken	16	Number taken	15
Satisfactory	16	Satisfactory	15

UNFIT FOOD

During the year it was found necessary to condemn the following foodstuffs:-

117 lbs.	Home killed meat.
79 lbs.	Tinned meat.
11 lbs.	Tinned foods.(various)

HOUSING

(a) <u>Council Houses</u>	No houses were constructed this year, 147 houses being occupied.
(b) <u>Private Houses</u>	Seven bungalows and one house were completed and occupied, and five dwellings were under construction.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	- 28
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	- 28
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	- nil
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, (exclusive of those in previous column).	- 1
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	- 1

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10, & 16.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	- nil
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners).	- nil

Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	- nil
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners).	- nil

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	- 12
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	- 1

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	- nil
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HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year.	-	1
No. of families dwelling therein.	-	1
No. of persons dwelling therein.	-	7
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year.-	nil	
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	-	nil
No. of persons concerned in such cases.	-	nil

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>	<u>Prose-</u> <u>cutions</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	nil	8	nil	nil
(ii) Factories not included in in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	nil	nil	nil	nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises).	nil	nil	nil	nil
TOTAL	nil	8	nil	nil

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

